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**PAINT BRUSH HOLDER CONSISTING OF ONE PART**

The present paint brush holder, being of spring content, intends to accommodate the option of resting a variety of types and sizes of paint brush on the paint brush holder while positioned on a paint container of varying type or size, without modifying or attaching any other part or component to the paint brush holder. The paint brush holder attaches to the rim of a paint container for the purpose of holding a paint brush while the paint container is in a stationary upright position with the lid removed, and also for holding the paint brush while carrying the paint container by its handle, with the lid removed, as in the normal process of painting with paint brush and paint container.

As in accompanying drawings, the paint brush holder is of single part of spring material formed at nineteen positions to attain the desired shape for attachment to the paint container.

By holding points 15,16 and 17 with the thumb and finger, point 11 can be placed against the inside rim of the paint container. When points 15, 16 and 17 are pulled towards the outer rim of the paint container, a gap is created that separates points 10, 11 and 12, from points 14,15, 16,17, 18 and 19, allowing the paint brush holder to be moved downwards on the paint container rim, and rested on the top edge of the paint container rim at points 9 and 20.

When the grip is released by thumb and finger from points 15, 16 and 17, the spring content of the material creates a grip on the paint container rim, closing the gap that separates points 10,11 and 12 from points 14,15, 16,17, 18 and 19.

When the paint brush holder is in operational position on the rim of the paint container, point 6 would be closer to the rim of the paint container and lower than point 2. This creates a forward

movement of the paint brush, causing a part of the paint brush handle further from the paint brush bristles to rest under point 2, and causing a part of the paint brush handle closer to the paint brush bristles to rest over and down on point 6. Acting on the inertia (forward movement) of the paint brush, and using this principle to create a grip on the paint brush handle, this suspends the paint brush bristles over the inner portion of the paint container. In addition, points 1, 3, 5 and 7 inhibit lateral movement of the paint brush.

Claims:

1) A paint brush holder consisting of one part continuous material of spring content, formed to such a position as explained and illustrated in accompanying drawings herein, as to allow the user to position the paint brush holder on the rim of a container of varying type and size and to hold a paint brush of varying type and size without modifying or attaching any other part or component to the paint brush holder.

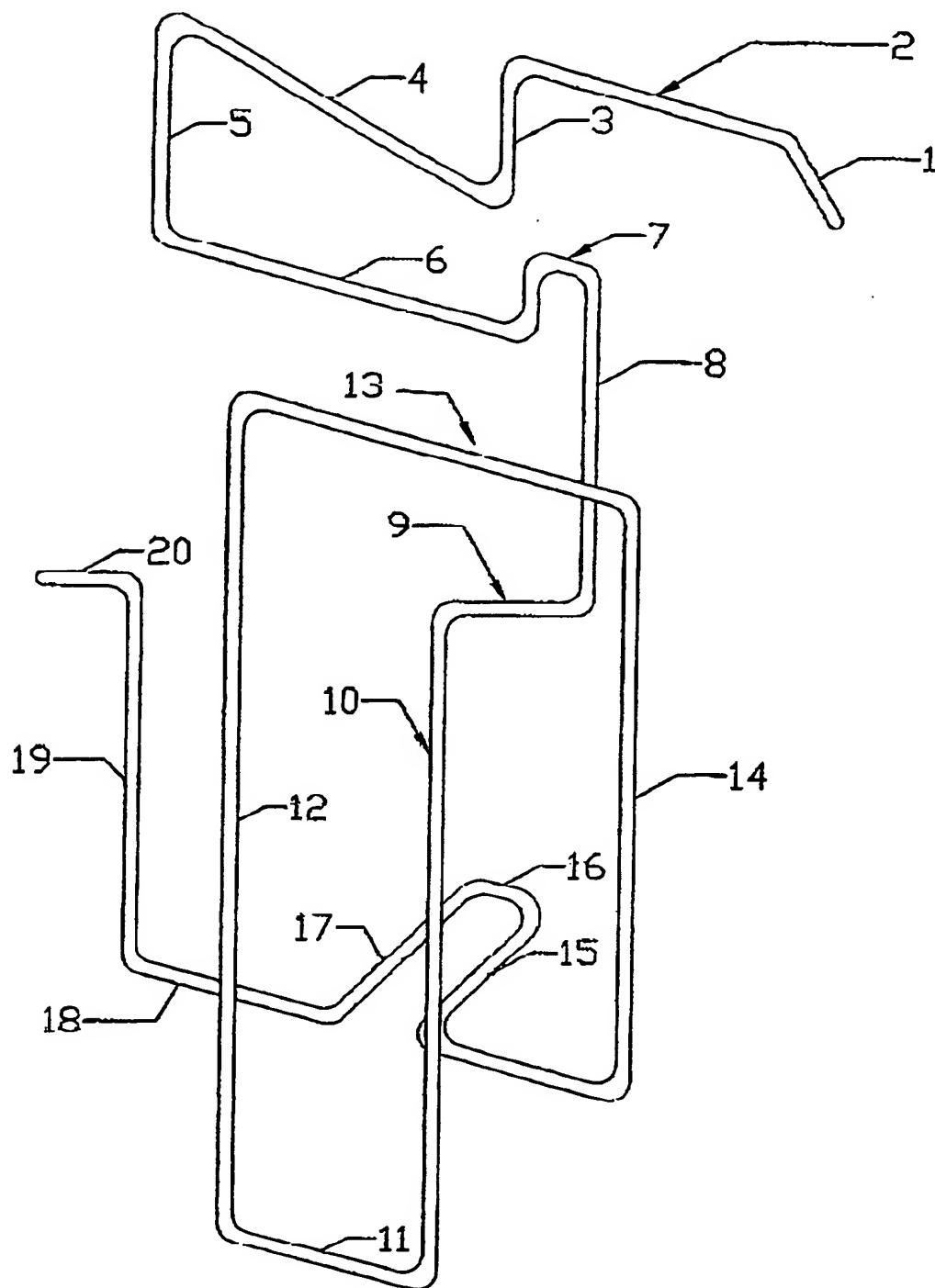
A rectangular spring for grip on the paint container and one part being longer and narrower than the other for to prevent overlap of spring against itself when not in use and a section formed to allow the paint brush holder to be gripped by the users thumb and finger. When said narrow rectangular section is placed on the inside rim of the container and a formed section held by thumb and finger is pulled away from container, the paint brush holder can be pushed downwards onto the rim of the container and when released it grips said container.

The section of the paint brush holder that receives the paint brush is lower than in one section and parallel to another section and acts on the inertia (forward movement) of the paint brush when the paint brush is placed in the paint brush holder for the purposes of keeping the bristles of the paint brush over the container and any dripping from the said paint brush is directed into the container when the paint brush is not in use. The paint brush when in the holder is surrounded at four points which inhibit the lateral movement of the paint brush allowing the user to carry the container by it's handle, as is necessary in the normal process of painting with paint container and paint brush.

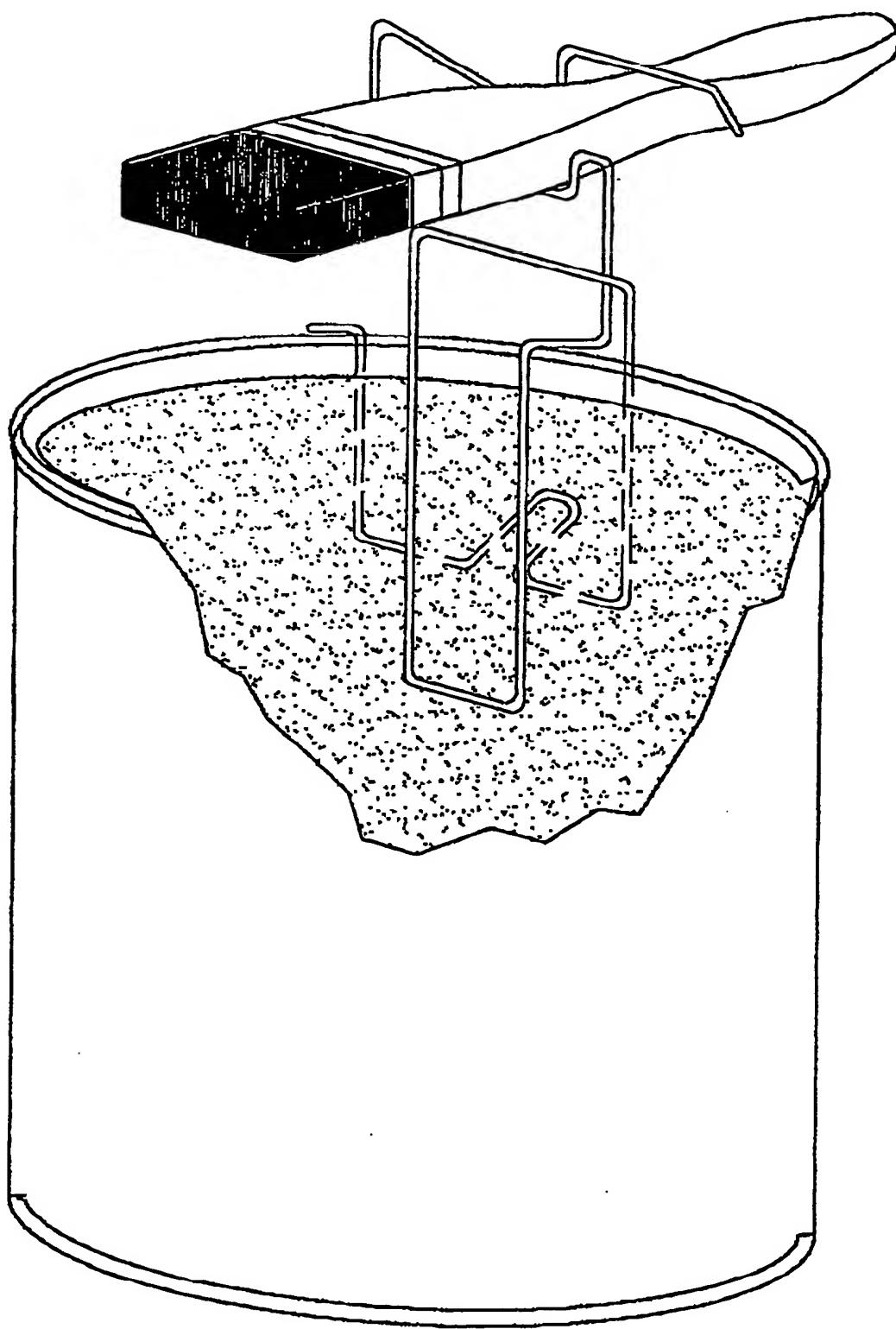
2) A paint brush holder as claimed in claim 1, of spring material formed to such a position as to allow the user to attach the paint brush holder to a paint container of varying type and size and to

hold a paint brush of varying type and size without modification or attachment of any other component to the paint brush holder.

- 3) A paint brush holder as claimed in claim 1 that acts on the inertia of the paint brush.
- 4) A paint brush holder as claimed in claim 1, that when attached to a paint container, grips the rim by means of a rectangular spring and allows placement of a paint brush in a position where the bristles of the paint brush are within the inner portion of the paint container.
- 5) A paint brush holder, as claimed in claim 1, that when attached to the paint container allows the user of the paint brush to carry the paint container by the handle when a paint brush is held in the paint brush holder for the purposes of painting using a paint brush and paint container.



Paint Brush Holder Fig. 1



Paint Brush Holder Fig. 2

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